

## INTELLIGENCE

Committee recessed subject to the call.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 12 public bills, H.R. 3509–3520; and 3 resolutions, H.Res. 475–476, 478 were introduced. **Pages H7927–28**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H7928–29**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

Supplemental report on H.R. 527, to amend chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Regulatory Flexibility Act), to ensure complete analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–289 Pt. 3) and

H. Res. 477, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3463) to reduce Federal spending and the deficit by terminating taxpayer financing of presidential election campaigns and party conventions and by terminating the Election Assistance Commission; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 527) to amend chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Regulatory Flexibility Act), to ensure complete analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3010) to reform the process by which Federal agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents (H. Rept. 112–296).

**Pages H7925, H7927**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Harris to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7901**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H7901, H7918**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:13 p.m. and reconvened at 4:05 p.m. **Page H7903**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*Fairness for High-Skilled Immigrants Act of 2011:* H.R. 3012, amended, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the per-country numerical limitation for employment-based immigrants and to increase the per-country numerical limitation for family-sponsored immigrants, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$

yea-and-nay vote of 389 yeas to 15 nays, Roll No. 860; **Pages H7903–05, H7916–17**

*National Guard and Reservist Debt Relief Extension Act of 2011:* H.R. 2192, to exempt for an additional 4-year period, from the application of the means-test presumption of abuse under chapter 7, qualifying members of reserve components of the Armed Forces and members of the National Guard who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 90 days, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 407 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 861;

**Pages H7906–07, H7917**

*Risk-Based Security Screening for Members of the Armed Forces Act:* H.R. 1801, amended, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for expedited security screenings for members of the Armed Forces, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 404 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 862; and

**Pages H7907–08, H7917–18**

*Federal Workers' Compensation Modernization and Improvement Act:* H.R. 2465, amended, to amend the Federal Employees' Compensation Act.

**Pages H7908–16**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:03 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H7916**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7916–17, H7917, H7917–18. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Full Committee began markup of the following: H.R. 1633, the “Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act of 2011”; H.R. 1173, the “Fiscal Responsibility and Retirement Security Act of 2011”; H.R. 3309, the “Federal Communications Commission Process Reform

Act of 2011”; and H.R. 3310, the “Federal Communications Commission Consolidated Reporting Act of 2011”.

**REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY  
IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF 2011;  
REGULATORY ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF  
2011; AND TO REDUCE FEDERAL  
SPENDING AND THE DEFICIT BY  
TERMINATING TAXPAYER FINANCING OF  
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGNS  
AND PARTY CONVENTIONS AND BY  
TERMINATING THE ELECTION ASSISTANCE  
COMMISSION**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on the following: H.R. 527, the “Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2011”; H.R. 3010, the “Regulatory Accountability Act of 2011”; and H.R. 3463, to reduce Federal spending and the deficit by terminating taxpayer financing of presidential election campaigns and party conventions and by terminating the Election Assistance Commission. 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

The Committee granted, by a record vote of 7 to 3, a closed rule for H.R. 3463. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on House Administration. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The bill provides one motion to recommit.

The resolution further provides for consideration of H.R. 527 under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Small Business. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment the Rules Committee print of H.R. 527 dated November 18, 2011 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the Rules Committee Print of H.R. 527 dated November 18, 2011. The rule makes in order only those amendments to H.R. 527 printed in part A of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject

to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in Part A of the Rules Committee report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The resolution further provides for the consideration of H.R. 3010 under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as original text for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments to H.R. 3010 printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time through the legislative day of December 2, 2011, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules relating to a measure addressing railway labor.

Testimony on H.R. 527 was heard from: Rep. Gowdy; Rep. Cohen; and Rep. Jackson Lee of Texas. Testimony on H.R. 3010 was heard from: Rep. Gowdy; Rep. Cohen; and Rep. Jackson Lee of Texas. Testimony on H.R. 3463 was heard from: Rep. Harper and Rep. Brady of Pennsylvania.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2011**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### **Senate**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ajit Varadaraj Pai, of Kansas, and Jessica Rosenworcel, of